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## AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

## Claim amendments and status:

1. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.

2. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

3. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially
hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a
door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.

4. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising a liquidresistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing. Atty Docket No.: 10407/518 Serial No. 09/966,776

5. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1 further comprising means for preventing water from passing between the frame and the housing.

- 6. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 7. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 1, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
- 8. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 7, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
- 9. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
  a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially
  hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a
  door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the housing.

10. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising: a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for operably attaching the door to the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

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11. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially
hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing and a substantially non-rectangular a
door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for rotably attaching the door to the housing.

- 12. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising a liquidresistant seal positioned so that it prevents water from passing between the door and the housing.
- 13. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 14. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 15. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 9, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
- 16. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 15, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
  - 17. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion[[;]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

18. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

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a gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having and a side portion[[;]] and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively

connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and

means for operably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing so that the door

may be opened and closed.

19. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top

box includes a housing having and a side portion[[;]] and a substantially non-rectangular door
having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for rotably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

- 20. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising a liquidresistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 21. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 22. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 23. (Original) The top box as recited in claim 17, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.
- 24. (Original) The top box as recited in Claim 23, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.
  - 25. (Withdrawn) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

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a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;

a door having a display panel; and

a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.

26. (Withdrawn) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:

a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion;

a door having a display panel; and

means for operably attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing so that the door may be opened and closed.

27. (Currently amended) A top box for a gaming machine, comprising:
a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially
hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having a side portion, and a substantially
non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and means for rotably attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

- 28. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising a liquidresistant seal positioned so that it prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25 further comprising means for preventing liquid from passing between the frame and the housing.
- 30. (Withdrawn) A top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the door further comprises a lip at least partially circumscribing the door so that the lip prevents liquid from passing between the door and the housing.
- 31. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in claim 25, wherein the top box is secure so that unauthorized personnel cannot access the interior.

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32. (Withdrawn) The top box as recited in Claim 31, wherein the top box is secured with a lock.

33. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising: a substantially non-rectangular gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top box includes a housing having a side portion, and a substantially non-rectangular door having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

34. (Currently amended) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising:

a gaming machine top box housing having a substantially hollow interior; wherein the top

box includes a housing having and a side portion, [[;]] and a substantially non-rectangular door
having a display panel;

wiring located at least partially within the top box, wherein the wiring operatively connects top box components to a gaming machine on which the top box is positioned; and a hinge operatively attaching the door to the side portion of the housing.

- 35. (Withdrawn) A top box for an upright gaming machine, comprising: a housing having a substantially hollow interior and a bottom portion; a door having a display panel; and
- a hinge operatively attaching the door to the bottom portion of the housing.

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